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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

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REPORT
DRAWER

S. B. D. 1622. Station,
Date February 19, 1931.
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Subject (in full) Sidney Joseph Halse.

Made by _____ and _____ Forwarded by D.S.I. Duncan.

Sir,

Enquiries show that Sidney Joseph Halse, British, unmarried, has been a resident of Shanghai for over twenty three years. Until a few years ago he was a partner of the firm of Moorhead & Halse, Civil Engineers, Architects & Surveyors.

Halse formerly resided with a Japanese woman at No. 8 Peitaiho Lane during which time he led a quiet retiring life. Since retiring from business, he has been in the habit of spending most of his time in Japan and while there he is known to have made a practice of seducing young Japanese girls, in fact, he openly boasts of his ability to have carnal knowledge of any Japanese girl he takes a fancy to. While residing in Shanghai, he is not known to pursue such practices.

On the occasion of Halse's arrest in September 1930 by the Japanese Authorities at Nagasaki, a Japanese friend named T. Ota, Building Contractor, residing at No. F.92 Bubbling Well Road, proceeded to Japan and is reported to have assisted in securing the dismissal of the case.

Halse has been a member of the Shanghai Club since 1907. He is also a member of the Shanghai Race Club, but takes little or no part in the social life of the city. He has very few intimate friends outside the circle of men of his own profession.

Apart from the fact that Halse's immoral practices are well known, there is nothing further known to his detriment.

D. S. I.

D. C. (C. & S. Branches)

S. B. D.

For attention please J.P.S.
20-3-31.

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20-3-31

October 9, 1930

Morning Translation

MISCELLANEOUS

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A BRITISH SUBJECT

The Shanghai Nippo publishes the following report:-

A British subject named Halse, 55, a building contractor by profession, residing in French Town, always spends his Summer holidays at Nagasaki. There he has seduced more than 10 Japanese girls of from 12 to 13 years of age. One of his victims is now pregnant. Several of the girls have brought a charge of seduction against him in the Nagasaki Police Court.

A Japanese named Oda, a friend of Halse, went to Nagasaki from Shanghai and made arrangements to settle the matter with the complainants by payment of various sums of money.

The police now intend to deport Halse because his behavior is bringing disgrace to Japan.

A FOREIGN LIBERTINE ARRESTED AT NAGASAKI.

The Shanghai Nippo of 27/9/30 publishes the following report:-

A British subject named "Haroha," 36, residing in French Town, goes to Japan every year during Summer. He built a house on the Yamate Cho, Nagasaki at a cost of Yen 25,000. He became a notorious libertine. He has been arrested by the Nagasaki Police and is undergoing Police examination.

It is stated that the man had violated about 100 young Japanese girls of 12 to 13 years of age including girl students and that he had also seduced the wives of several Japanese.

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 289. SHANGHAI.

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2nd. February 1931.

My dear Gerrard,

I enclose herewith copy of correspondence which has passed between Mr. Brennan and His Majesty's Consul at Nagasaki on the subject of S. J. Halse.

The Consul-General would be very grateful if you would let us know whether the Police have any information about Halse and his habits.

Yours sincerely,

Ad Blackburn

*Dear Sirs
Look up file
develop discreet Summary
wanted help. JF*

Major F. W. Gerrard,
Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

Dear Sirs

Halse

Any information re

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Copy.

British Consulate,
Nagasaki.
October 11, 1930.

Dear Consulate-General,

Sidney Joseph Halse, bearer of Shanghai passport No. 5649 of 22/3/29, now staying at the Shanghai Japan Hotel, Nagasaki, and giving his address as 207, Little House, Connaught Road, has been under examination at the Japanese Court in connection with a case of suspected rape, and, now that the case has been dismissed by the Procurator, he has complained to me of mistreatment, etc., stating that he proposes to devote all his fortune and energies to obtaining redress and clearing his reputation.

I shall do my utmost to avoid official intervention, but shall have to take some sort of action if he supports his allegations that he has been refused access to me, that he is still under police restraint in spite of the case having been dismissed, etc. I should therefore be grateful if you would kindly supply me, for my guidance, with any information, private or official, that you may have as to this man.

My sole connection with him, up to the present time, was in April last year, when I attested his

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Declaration for refund of Income Tax and ascertained that he was only a visitor to Nagasaki. From local gossip I have gathered that he has been visiting Nagasaki for many years and that he makes a practice of the seduction of young Japanese girls, whom he then dismisses with lavish payment to themselves and/or their parents. So far as I know he has never entered into social relations with any of the foreign community except a few men who use the Japan Hotel, and I have heard that the question of proposing him for the Club was once brought up but dismissed on account of his reputation.

I trust it may not be necessary for me to obtain official details of the present case, but according to my present understanding of it the Police, having long known his mode of life, took action because they thought the evidence of certain girls' parents would suffice for criminal proceedings, but had to drop it because the evidence failed.

Yours ever,

(Signed) F.C. Greatrex.

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Copy.

British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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17th. October 1930.

My dear Greatrex,

Your letter of October 11th.

Mr. Sidney Joseph Halse was formerly a member of a firm of architects in Shanghai called Moorhead, Halse and Robinson, but apart from the information contained in his passport which you have seen, I have ~~not~~ been able to ascertain very little regarding him locally. A member of his former firm tells me that he knows nothing about him beyond the fact that he lives a very retired life in Shanghai, does not take part in any social activities and keeps a Japanese woman.

There is no evidence of his having indulged in the proclivities mentioned in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. L. Brennan.

F. C. Greatrex, Esquire,
H. B. M. Consul,
Nagasaki.

COPY

British Consulate

Nagasaki.

January 28 1931.

Private and Confidential

Dear Brennan,

Thanks for yours of Oct.17th re S.J.HALSE.
I was reserving my reply till there were developments worth reporting.

Halse left here for Shanghai last week, with the avowed intention of returning to Japan in about two months, the validity of his Japanese visa expiring early in April. His lawyer, who is preparing the case for legal proceedings against the Local Authorities and newspapers, seems to have assured him that on the strength of his visa and a local official's certificate of Nagasaki domicile his re-entry cannot be prevented, but I have been assured privately that every precaution will be taken at all ports to prevent him landing, and the opinion of the Embassy's legal adviser (which was communicated to him before he left) is that the Japanese Govt. at all times possess the right to decide whether or no foreigners may enter or

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continue to reside in Japan, and it is not within their competence to divest themselves of that right. Therefore, wherever he may try to land, and fail, the Consul can do no more than obtain an official explanation of the prohibition and convey it to him reporting the facts to the Embassy. He will then presumably return to Shanghai and attack you. It would be interesting to know what his next step will be when you tell him that you have no means of intervening. He admits to enjoying what he calls "bumping up against authority" (as he claims to have done successfully in Shanghai on more than one occasion), and with his leisure and ample means he will stop at nothing in endeavouring to prove that he has been illegally treated by the Japanese Authorities and let down by his Consul.

I consider Halse has a legitimate grievance against the Police because in practice his situation at the hotel after dismissal of the case against him did amount to restriction of his liberty, at all

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events for some days. I therefore made an official protest on this ground to the Local Authority, but the Governor takes the stand that there was no technical 'detention' and that Halse and the people at the hotel must have misunderstood the intentions of the Police, which were directed (1) towards preventing him meeting enemies liable to attack him, and (2) towards preventing him from resuming immoral relations with young girls of a kind that they are satisfied he has previously engaged in and that, though not indictable, constitute a breach of public decency. There is little doubt that the real official plan was to make things as uncomfortable as possible for him in the hope that he would quit, instead of which the effect was merely to make him more and more determined to have somebody's blood. He is of course highly incensed against me for failing to get satisfaction from the Governor, and blames me for delay in taking official action, the fact being that for months my official action was deferred with his approval because he thought he could get the Authorities to rehabilitate his reputation by private negotiations.

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The Shanghai address he has left with me is
c/o Spence, Robinson and Partners,
3 Peking Road,

I know Spence quite well, and hope he is not
intimately associated with a man of Halse's reput-
ation. The latter's firm was not the same that
Spence joined when he left the O/W, was it?

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) F.C.Greatrex.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Headquarters, S. B. No. 2

REPORT

Date **October 8, 1930**

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. **B. D. 7622**
Station,

Subject (in full)

Further report re British subject named Halse.

Made by **C. D. I. Nakagawa**

Forwarded by

John Robertson Supt.

In connection with Halse's case at Nagasaki, Mr. Okatsu, passport examiner on the S.S. Shanghai Maru, informed me on October 7 that five Japanese victims had lodged a complaint of seduction against Halse at the Nagasaki Police Court. The accused denied the charges. A Japanese named T. Ota, a building contractor, who is a friend of the accused, residing at No. F.92 Bubbling Well Road, went to Nagasaki after the arrest of Halse and succeeded in securing his release on October 4. The case has been withdrawn for lack of evidence. Halse is now staying at the Japan Hotel at Nagasaki. The Police are still keeping a close watch on him and they may order him to leave Japan if they receive definite instructions from the Home Office.

S. Nakagawa
C. D. I.

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(Crime and Special Branches)

E. B. P.
Information.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Headquarters C. S. S. S. REGISTRATION,

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P.

No. S. B. D. 1622.

Date September 29, 1930

at Nagasaki

Subject (in full)

Inquiries re a British subject arrested at

for violating girls.

Made by C. D. I. Nakagawa

Forwarded by

Acting on instructions I have made very careful inquiries re a British subject named "Haroha" who has been arrested by the Nagasaki Police for violating a number of Japanese girls. I was informed by a passport examiner named Okatsu of the Nagasaki Police, who arrived at Shanghai on September 29 by the S.S. Nagasaki Maru, that recently a British subject named Halse residing at No. 25 Yamate Cho, Nagasaki, was arrested by the Umegasaki Police on numerous complaints by Japanese that he had violated a number of Japanese young girls and women. He is still in the custody of the police for further inquiries into his conduct.

C. D. I.

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(C. & S. Branches)

E. B. P.
S. D. I. Nakagawa,

Information

Please note remarks of E. B. P. and act accordingly

J. H. S. 29 SEP 1930

30/9/30

Keep in touch with developments

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C.D. 1 Nakagawa

for confidential enquiry

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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FILE NO. D. 1622(C).

SUBJECT:

Allegations against Sidney Joseph

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INSTRUCTIONS SEE OVER

was made to obtain
consession of the Court
Subpoena, which, of
course, I refused to
part with.

I will let you
know the future
developments - if any.

Sincerely Yours.

J. Halse.

Major K. M. Bourne, M.C.,
Commissioner of Police
S.M.C.

Major K. M. Bourne M.C.,
Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
185 Foochow Road,
LOCAL.

DC (SP 111)
Dear Major Bourne.

This is to express
my thanks for your
great kindness in
affording me protection
on the occasion of
my visit to the Japanese
Consulate General on
the 21st inst.

As I expected,
a visa was refused
in the absence of
special permission from
Tokyo, and an endeavor

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY

No. S. B. D. 1627

Date December 19, 1938

Subject (in full) S.J. Halse - permission to enter Japan granted.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie

Forwarded by

C. Gausford D.I.

Information has been received from the
Japanese Consulate General to the effect that Mr. S.J.
Halse has been granted permission by the Japanese Foreign
Office to enter Japan.

Halse was given a visa by the Japanese Passport
Office and left for Nagasaki by the s.s. Nagasaki Maru
which sailed at 9 a.m., December 19.

R.W. MacAdie

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)



Commr
Sir,
Information
John Robertson
D.C.(S.B.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Section 1, Special Branch
REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
FIS. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1622/38

Date December 9, 1938.

Subject S. J. Halse. - application to Japanese Consulate-General
for a visa to Japan.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie

Forwarded by C. G. G. D. I.

In accordance with the instructions of the Commissioner of Police, D.S.I. MacAdie and D.S. Kamashita, at 3 p.m., December 8th, accompanied Mr. Sidney Joseph HALSE, British, to the Japanese Consulate-General, Passport Department. Halse's application for a visa to visit Japan was accepted and the communication received by him from the Nagasaki District Court where he is engaged in litigation, was copied down by the Passport Office for reference. The passport officials then stated that the facts would be referred telegraphically to the Gaimusho for decision and that they would inform Mr. Halse in the course of a few days as to the course to be taken in connection with his proposed visit to Japan.

Halse stated that the civil action taken by him against some fifteen Japanese newspapers for libel was set for hearing on December 24th, 1938.

The Special Branch detectives returned to Central District with Mr. Halse at 3.30 p.m.



D.C. (Special Branch)

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

R. W. MacAdie
D. S. I.

Comm
Information
J. H. Robertson
D.C. (Sp. Br.)